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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

- 17. (currently amended) A solid substrate surface having bonded chemically on said solid substrate surface:
 - (i) a defined layer of polymers and/or oligomers or
 - (ii) a defined layer system of polymers and/or oligomers

 <u>said layer or layer system</u> having controlled chain length

 and/or polydispersity on solid substrate surfaces.
- 18. (previously presented) A solid substrate surface as in claim 17, wherein said defined layer or defined layer system is produced by ATRP-polymerization.
- 19. (currently amended) A solid substrate surface having chemically bonded thereto a compound of general formula (1) as initiator for an ATRP-polymerization

$$A-L-I$$
 (1)

wherein

A is an anchor group bonding the compound to the solid substrate surface

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- I is a group for initiating a reaction which proceeds according to an ATRP-mechanism, and
- L is a link between the groups A and I [[,]] as initiator for an ATRP-mechanism.
- 20. (currently amended) Solid substrate surface with a polymer and/or oligomer layer, produced by a process comprising the following steps:
 - a) providing and optionally preparing a solid substrate surface,
 - b) chemically bonding to the solid substrate surface an initiator which includes a group I for initiation of a reaction which proceeds according to an ATRP-mechanism,
 - c) subsequent to step b), carrying out on the solid substrate surface a first ATRP-polymerization initiated by the initiator, with radically polymerizable (a) monomers, (b) macromonomers, or (c) mixtures thereof, so that a first layer of polymers and/or oligomers is formed on the solid substrate surface.